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<b>Country:</b>	Niger
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Sector: NUTRITION				
Sub-sector: Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)				
Indicator	Baseline	Target (by end of project)	Achieved Q1	Cumulative
Number of health care providers and volunteers trained in the prevention and management of SAM, by sex and by age <sup>1</sup>	60 health workers; 400 Community Health Workers (CHW) trained in the prevention and management of SAM	104 additional health workers and 600 additional Community Health Workers trained in the prevention and management of SAM	0 additional health workers and 600 additional CHWs (128 female and 472 male) trained in the prevention and management of SAM	0 additional health workers and 600 additional CHWs (128 female and 472 male) trained in the prevention and management of SAM
Number of sites established/rehabilitated for outpatient care	30 sites (health posts) established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care	49 sites established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care	39 sites established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care	39 sites established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care
Number of beneficiaries treated for SAM, by sex and by age	14,147 treated for SAM, 6,932 female (49%) and	7,185 additional treated for SAM, 3521 female (49%) and 3664 male (51%), age 0-59 months	3,160 additional treated for SAM, 1,347 female (38%)	3,160 additional treated for SAM, 1,347 female (38%)

<sup>1</sup> Age ranges as follows: 0-11 months, 1-4 years, 5-14 years, 15-49 years, 50-60 years, and 60+ years.

	7,215 male (51%), age 0-59 months		and 1,813 male (49%), age 0-59 months	and 1,813 male (49%), age 0-59 months
Rates of admission, default, death, cure, relapse, non-response/transfer and length of stay	31.8% or more children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs; default rate of 7%; death rate of 0.21%; cure rate of 91%; relapse rate not available; nonresponse-transfer not available; length of stay of 5 weeks; coverage rate of 31.8% children with SAM	50% or more children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs; default rate of 15% or less; death rate of less than 10% (SC) 5% (OTP); cure rate of 75% or above; relapse rate of 5%; nonresponse-transfer rate of 0%; length of stay less than 6 weeks; coverage rate of 50% (in rural areas as outlined in Sphere)	Percentage of children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs TBD; default rate of 4.33%; death rate of 0.64% (SC) 0.16% (OTP); cure rate of 83%; relapse rate of 1%; non response-transfer rate of 0.9%; length of stay 4.57 weeks; coverage rate will be available by the end of project	Percentage of children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs TBD; default rate of 4.33%; death rate of 0.64% (SC) 0.16% (OTP); cure rate of 83%; relapse rate of 1%; non response-transfer rate of 0.9%; length of stay 4.57 weeks; coverage rate will be available by the end of project

**Sub-sector: Infant and Young Child Feeding and Behavior Change**

Indicator	Baseline	Target(by end of project)	Achieved Q1	Cumulative
Number and percentage of infants 0-<6 months of age who are exclusively breastfed	Data not available	40% of infants 0-<6 months of age are exclusively breastfed	To be completed in Quarter 2	To be completed in Quarter 2
Number and percentage of children 6-<24 months of age who receive foods daily from 4 or more food groups (to achieve minimum dietary diversity)	Data not available	30% of children 6-<24 months of age who receive foods daily from 4 or more food groups (to achieve minimum dietary diversity)	To be completed in Quarter 2	To be completed in Quarter 2
Number of people receiving behavior change interventions, by sex and age (0-11 months, 1-4 years, 5-14 years, 15-49 years, 50-60 years, and 60+ years)	0 people receiving behavior change interventions	16,887 people receiving behavior change interventions, by sex and age (0-11 months, 1-4 years, 5-14 years, 15-49 years, 50-60 years, and 60+ years)	To be completed in Quarter 2	To be completed in Quarter 2

**Notes on Nutrition sector activities:**

- Targets are expected to be achieved for all indicators by end of project. Beneficiaries treated for SAM totaled 3,160, including 1,347 females (38%) and 1,813 males (49%), age 0-59 months. Data was recorded from June, July and August 2014; September data will be available in the next report. As the health district is the direct implementer of nutrition activities in the field, some delays have been noted in relaying nutrition data to the IRC, and are expected to continue throughout the project. This will mean that data for the last month of each reporting period will need to be presented in the following report. In addition, 104 additional health workers will be trained in October. The results of a SAM screening conducted in September will determine the percentage of children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs, available in Quarter 2. A Semi-Quantitative Evaluation of Access and Coverage (SLEAC) survey will be conducted in December with complementary funding by ECHO to provide the coverage rate.
- A needs assessment was conducted to determine which supplies (including folders, pens and registration kits) and equipment (including shelves, tables, chairs, benches, mats, basins, containers, cups, carafes, barrel taps and scales) will be procured and sent to ten targeted health posts. The IRC has placed the order for these supplies and equipment, they will be available in November 2014.
- Behavior change tools, consisting of counseling cards on infant and young child feeding have been provided for three health facilities.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The protocol of the KAP survey was developed and the process of recruiting a consultant is on-going. This survey will be conducted in October 2014.</li> <li>Radio broadcast and CHW activities awareness campaigns for the population will begin next quarter.</li> </ul>				
<b>Sector: WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)</b>				
<b>Sub-sector: Hygiene Promotion</b>				
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target(by end of project)</b>	<b>Achieved Q1</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Number of people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting)	0 people receiving direct hygiene promotion	16,887 people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting)	0 people received direct hygiene promotion (to be completed in Quarter 2)	0 people received direct hygiene promotion (to be completed in Quarter 2)
Number water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation	0 water and hygiene committees active	49 water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation	N/A (to be completed in second half of project)	N/A(to be completed in second half of project)
Number and proportion of health facilities with soap and water at the hand washing stations	7 (18%) of health facilities have soap and water at hand washing stations	35 (90%) of health facilities have soap and water at the hand washing stations	39 (100%) of health facilities have soap and water at the hand washing stations	39 (100%) of health facilities have soap and water at the hand washing stations
<b>Sub-sector: Sanitation Infrastructure</b>				
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target(by end of project)</b>	<b>Achieved Q1</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Number of people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program	0 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program	24,170 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program	0people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program (to be completed in second half of project)	0people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program (to be completed in second half of project)
Number of hand washing facilities present within the target population	38 hand washing facilities are present within the target population	39 hand washing facilities are present within the target population	39 hand washing facilities are present within the target population	39 hand washing facilities are present within the target population
Number and proportion of health facility latrines completed and clean	No data available	39 (100%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean	7 (18%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean	7 (18%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean
<b>Notes on WASH sector activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targets are expected to be achieved for all indicators by end of project. 39 health centers of Filingué received hygiene kits including boxes of soap and hand washing kits.</li> <li>A WASH sensitization tool was developed (image-based counseling cards), which will be used by WASH committee members in the next quarter for direct hygiene promotion. WASH committee members will also be identified and committees activated early in the next quarter.</li> <li>Three packages of soap were delivered to each health facility and hand washing stations were set up. Supply will continue monthly.</li> <li>8 health facilities were selected and the tender for construction/rehabilitation of latrines was developed, which will be submitted to the technical service of health for approval. Construction will begin next quarter. Twenty-four were in need of regular cleaning; a checklist of WASH activities necessary for clean health facility latrines will be completed; and regular cleaning has been set up for all latrines. Community Health Workers will be trained in their care as construction is completed.</li> </ul>				
<b>Sector: ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS</b>				

<b>Sub-sector: Livelihoods Restoration</b>				
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target(by end of project)</b>	<b>Achieved Q1</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Number of people assisted through livelihood restoration activities, disaggregated by sex	0 people assisted through livelihood restoration activities	500 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities	0 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities (to be completed by end of project)	0 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities (to be completed by end of project)
Percent of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support	0 beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support	85% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support	0% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support (to be completed by end of project)	0% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support (to be completed by end of project)
Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	0 USD channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$111,000 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities (to be completed in Quarter 2)	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities (to be completed in Quarter 2)
<b>Sub-sector: Microfinance</b>				
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target(by end of project)</b>	<b>Achieved Q1</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Number of people, disaggregated by sex, or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support	0 people or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support	500 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support	0 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support (to be completed in Quarter 2)	0 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support (to be completed in Quarter 2)
Percentage of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly	0% financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly	90% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly	0% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly (to be completed in Quarter 2)	0% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly (to be completed in Quarter 2)
Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	0 USD channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities
<b>Notes on Economic Recovery and Market Systems sector activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targets are expected to be achieved for all indicators by end of project. A rapid assessment of feasibility of cash transfers, vouchers and VSLA activities was conducted in Balleyara, Filingué and Abala departments, with the aim to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of project activities. Data was collected with key informants including local authorities, technical services of the government, INGOs and populations of villages.</li> <li>Key information was found in each village including: malnutrition levels; degree of vulnerability related to agricultural production and climate change; risks related to cash transfer, voucher and VSLA activities; functionality of local markets; water availability and fertile farmland; availability of seed suppliers and agricultural machinery; and current interventions implemented by the government and other humanitarian and development actors. This information was used</li> </ul>				

to select 16 villages for implementation of project activities, including, 8 villages for livelihoods restoration activities, 5 for improving agricultural production, and 16 for microfinance activities (some villages have multiple interventions).

- The beneficiary identification process was conducted using the household economy analysis (HEA) approach, which divided the population into four categories of socio-economic groups of households: very poor, poor, average and wealthy. This was established by community members as the basis of local perspectives of wealth and quantification of livelihoods. The cash transfer activity targets the very poor, including the most vulnerable women with children under two years old. Using the HEA approach, 60 beneficiaries were selected for cash transfers assistance in one village out of the 8 targeted villages. A strike of local technical workers from the Department of Agriculture delayed the process of beneficiary identification, however the rest of the 500 women will be identified for cash transfer activities in early October 2014.
- To facilitate the cash transfers activities, micro-finance institution (MFI) was selected. The first transfer payments will take place in early November 2014.
- Awareness sessions of VSLA took place in two of the 15 targeted villages with community leaders and members. 110 women have expressed their desire to establish four VSLA groups, as the beneficiary identification process is done on the voluntary basis of auto-selection.

### **Sector: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY**

#### **Sub-sector: Improving Agricultural Production/Food Security**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target(by end of project)</b>	<b>Achieved Q1</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Projected increase in number of months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households	0 increased months of food self-sufficiency prior to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households	2 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households	0 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households (to be completed by end of project)	0 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households (to be completed by end of project)
Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities, disaggregated by sex	0 people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities	500 women benefit from seed systems/agricultural input activities	0 women benefit from seed systems/agricultural input activities (to be completed by Quarter 2)	0 women benefit from seed systems/agricultural input activities (to be completed by Quarter 2)
Number and percentage of beneficiaries demonstrating knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures	Data not available	400 (80%) of beneficiaries demonstrate knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures	0 (0%) of beneficiaries demonstrate knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures(to be completed by end of project)	0 (0%) of beneficiaries demonstrate knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures(to be completed by end of project)

#### **Notes on Agriculture and Food Security sector activities:**

- Targets are expected to be achieved for all indicators by end of project. As described in the above Economic Recovery and Market Systems section, the HEA approach was used to select beneficiaries in one of the five targeted villages for agricultural activities. During this period, 49 beneficiaries were selected to receive vouchers, and the rest of the 500 beneficiaries will be identified in early October 2014.
- A rapid assessment was conducted on the existence and availability of seed suppliers and their capacity to utilize vouchers and respect the current price of seeds and agricultural materials. The selection of a local supplier will be completed early in the next quarter, with distribution and agricultural trainings to follow.